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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to action on the merits of the case, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification (Clean copy as amended)

Please replace paragraph 008 (second paragraph on page 3) with the following:

A [008] This invention relates to a mammalian secreted group XII sPLA₂ containing a potential Ca²⁺ binding segment (SEQ ID NO: 8) GCGSP.

Please replace paragraph 0010 (last paragraph bridging pages 3 and 4) with the following:

A [0010] Fig. 1 represents the alignment of the amino acid sequences of sPLA₂s. In panel A, the full-length sequence of hGXII (SEQ ID NO: 2) is aligned with the amino acid sequences of mouse (SEQ ID NO: 10), rat (SEQ ID NO: 11), bovine (SEQ ID NO: 12) and